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SUBJECT: CONSUL GENERAL ELMER E. YELTON

FOR DEP UNDER SECRETARY BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR JOVA

1. I RECOMMEND THAT ELMER YELTON BE APPOINTED A FSR OFFICER AT 3/7 LEVEL EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE KIDNAPPING OF VICE CONSUL JOHN PATTERSON.
2. CONSUL GENERAL YELTON IS TO BE MANDATORILY RETIRED IN FOUR DAYS, AS HE REACHED AGE 60 THIS MONTH, BUT I CONSIDER THE CONTINUATION OF HIS SERVICES ESSENTIAL UNTIL THE CRISIS OF THE KIDNAPPING IS RESOLVED. WE NEED HIS ADVICE AND EXPERTISE AS WE CONTINUE TO DRAW ON HIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENT. MOREOVER, IT IS LITERALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MOVE OUT OF HIS RESIDENCE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS SINCE IT IS BEING USED AS AN OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND REFUGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING. CONSUL GENERAL YELTON WILL GLADLY SERVE FOR THIS BRIEF ADDITIONAL TIME SINCE HE IS ANXIOUS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE KIDNAPPING. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN A FSR APPOINTMENT FOR HIM.
3. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE NEXT PRINCIPAL OFFICER, EDWARD STELLMACHER, TAKING HOME LEAVE UNTIL THE SITUATION AT HERMOSILLO IS CLARIFIED.
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